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NOTRE DAME

F O O T B A L L

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NOTRE DAME (7-2)

Sept. 2	23/25 TEXAS A&M	W, 24-10
Sept. 9	1/1 NEBRASKA	L, 24-27 (OT)
Sept. 16	13/12 PURDUE	W, 23-21
Sept. 23	at 23/20 Michigan State	L, 21-27
Oct. 7	STANFORD	W, 20-14
Oct. 14	vs. Navy (Orlando, Fla.)	W, 45-14
Oct. 21	at West Virginia	W, 42-28
Oct. 28	AIR FORCE	W, 34-31 (OT)
Nov. 11	BOSTON COLLEGE	W, 28-16
Nov. 18	at Rutgers	3:30 EST
Nov. 25	at USC	12:30 PST

RUTGERS (3-6)

Sept. 2	VILLANOVA	W, 34-21
Sept. 9	BUFFALO	W, 59-0
Sept. 16	at 8/8 Virginia Tech	L, 0-49
Sept. 23	at Pittsburgh	L, 17-29
Sept. 30	10/12 MIAMI	L, 6-64
Oct. 14	TEMPLE	L, 14-48
Oct. 21	at Navy	W, 28-21
Oct. 28	at Boston College	L, 13-42
Nov. 11	WEST VIRGINIA	L, 24-31 (2OT)
Nov. 18	NOTRE DAME	3:30 EST
Nov. 25	at Syracuse	12:00 EST

Numbers before opponents indicate AP and ESPN/USA Today rankings coming into game.

WEEKLY RANKINGS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in the weekly polls during the 2000 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	NR	NR
Sept. 3	23	25
Sept. 10	21	23
Sept. 17	16	18
Sept. 24	NR	NR
Oct. 1	25	NR
Oct. 8	20	NR
Oct. 15	20	22
Oct. 22	19	19
Oct. 29	15	16
Nov. 5	11	12
Nov. 12	11	11

PRESEASON RANKINGS

Here's where Notre Dame was ranked in the pre-season and final AP polls since 1987:

Year	Preseason	Final
1987	18	17
1988	13	1
1989	2	2
1990	2	6
1991	6	13
1992	3	4
1993	7	2
1994	2	NR
1995	9	11
1996	6	19
1997	11	NR
1998	22	22
1999	18	NR
2000	NR	?

Game No. **10**

(#11 AP/#11 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (7-2)**
vs. **Rutgers Scarlet Knights (3-6)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, at 3:30 EST.

The Site: Rutgers Stadium (41,500/natural grass) in Piscataway, N.J.

The Tickets: They're all sold—with this game marking the 127th sellout in the last 147 games involving Notre Dame, including the first 10 games of 1998, the first 11 in '99 and the first five in '00.

The TV Plans: CBS Sports regional telecast with with **Craig Bolerjack** (play-by-play) and **Dean Blevins** (analysis).

The Radio Plans: For the 33rd consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast nationally on radio by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play by play) and **Tom Pagna** (game analysis) and **Paul Hornung** (pregame/halftime analysis). The Westwood One network includes nearly 200 stations. A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student radio station, WVFI, is available through the Notre Dame athletic department web site at www.und.com.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Rutgers (www.scarletknights.com).

THE HEAD COACH

Fourth-year Irish head coach Bob Davie owns a 28-18 (.609) career record at Notre Dame. Davie is one of 10 semifinalists for the *Football News* 2000 coach-of-the-year award and was one of 10 finalists for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/*Street and Smith's* Coach of the Year Award. His 1997 squad beat No. 11 LSU and No. 22 West Virginia to mark the first time a Notre Dame team beat ranked foes on consecutive weeks since November '92, while the '98 opening win over No. 5 and defending national champion Michigan gave him three wins over a ranked teams. He led the Irish to another season-opening ranked win this year against No. 23 Texas A&M, and the win over 13th-ranked Purdue marked the earliest the Irish have beaten two ranked opponents since 1990. The 2000 season marks Davie's seventh year at Notre Dame overall, after serving as defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach from 1994-96. He coached nine seasons at Texas A&M ('85-'93), two at Tulane ('83-'84), four at Pittsburgh ('77, '80-'82) and two at Arizona ('78-'79), spending both years at Tulane as defensive coordinator and the last five at Texas A&M in that role.

THE INJURY UPDATE (as of Nov. 12)

Out

Junior QB **Arnaz Battle** Fractured left navicular (wrist) vs. Nebraska (out for season, had surgery Sept. 12)

Sophomore P **Joey Hildbold** Sprained right ankle in practice Nov. 9 (DNP vs. Boston College)

Senior DE **Grant Irons** Dislocated right shoulder vs. Nebraska (out for season, had surgery Sept. 21)

Doubtful

Senior FB **Jason Murray** Hamstring vs. Boston College

Sophomore TB **Julius Jones** Bruised thigh vs. Boston College

Probable

Junior CB **Clifford Jefferson** Sprained ankle vs. Air Force (DNP vs. Boston College)

Junior FB **Tom Lopienski** Shoulder vs. Boston College

NOTRE DAME-RUTGERS GAME NOTES

- The game marks the third meeting between the Irish and Scarlet Knights with Notre Dame having won each of the previous two meetings in 1921 and 1996.

- The trip to Rutgers will mark the return home for seven New Jersey natives on the Irish roster.

- Rutgers is the third and second consecutive BIG EAST opponent for Notre Dame this season.

For more Notre Dame-Rutgers series notes, see pages 2-3.



MEDIA POLICIES

THE DAVIE CONFERENCES

Bob Davie's weekly teleconference-style press conferences are available via satellite on Tuesday prior to each Notre Dame game, with the first slated for Aug. 29 (there are no conferences on open-date weeks). They are held at 1:30 p.m. EST at the WNDU Studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light lunch is served beginning at 12:30 p.m., and at least one Irish player generally is available for interviews between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Out-of-town media can connect to the conference via phone to listen and ask questions by calling the sports information office at (219) 631-7516. All teleconference are available on satellite at Telstar 5C, Transponder 7V. Approximately five minutes of video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each hour-long satellite feed.

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Exact transcriptions of Bob Davie's Tuesday and Sunday press conferences are available at the Notre Dame sports information department, through the fax-on-demand system and on the web site at www.und.com.

DAVIE INTERVIEWS

Outside his regular Tuesday teleconference, the best time for Bob Davie interviews is between noon and 1:00 p.m. (EST) during the week. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office to make specific arrangements.

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW



A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. EST for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
SE	21	Javin Hunter	Made his first start since Stanford game vs. Boston College
LT	78	Jordan Black	Has started all 18 games in which he has played in his career
LG	55	Jim Jones	Fifth-year player has started 19 of last 21 games
C	52	Jeff Faine	Has started every game in first season of collegiate action
RG	69	Mike Gandy	Has made 24 consecutive starting appearances on OL
RT	75	Kurt Vollers	Moved in RT role after starting final three '99 games at LT
TE	87	Jabari Holloway	All-star candidate in his third straight season as starter
or	86	Dan O'Leary	Has played most minutes of any Irish tight end in '00
FL	6	David Givens	Third-career rushing TD on 37-yard double reverse vs. AF
or	18	Joey Getherall	3 TDs, including decisive OT score, and 116 yards vs. AF
QB	10	Matt LoVecchio	First QB since Kevin McDougal in '93 to win first five starts
FB	40	Jason Murray	Top Irish fullback vs. Stanford, Navy and Air Force
or	36	Tom Lopienski	Returned to action against WVU with 13-yard catch
TB	12	Tony Fisher	11th best rushing game in ND history with 196 yards vs. BC

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	98	Anthony Weaver	All-star cand. has 9 tackles for loss, 4 sacks, 2 INT, fum. recov.
DT	93	B.J. Scott	Continued strong play with 6 tackles, sack vs. Air Force
NG	90	Lance Legree	Consistent Irish defender has played 40 career games
RE	95	Ryan Roberts	Among team leaders in sacks with four
ILB	51	Tyreo Harrison	Has played a part in three of team's five fumble recoveries
ILB	39	Anthony Denman	Team leader in tackles (76), tackles for loss (13), sacks (5)
OLB	30	Rocky Boiman	Third on team with 54 tackles, eight for losses, 3.5 sacks
LCB	1	Brock Williams	Strong play in secondary with 3 passes broken up and INT
FS	25	Tony Driver	All-star cand. second in tackles (56), sack, INT, 2 fum. recov.
SS	5	Ron Israel	Career game vs. WVU with 8 tackles, first career INT
RCB	42	Shane Walton	Went 60 yards vs. PU for TD on second INT of season

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
KO	93	Matt McNew	46 KOs have yielded aver. starting position of 25.1 yard line
PK	13	Nick Setta	38-yard game winning FG vs. Purdue, fake FG TD run vs. BC
P	13	Nick Setta	Made punting debut vs. BC (4-160-40.0) for injured Hildbold
HLD	80	Adam Tibble	Sure-handed walk-on HLD, fake FG TD option pitch vs. BC
SNP	86	Dan O'Leary	Talented TE also contributes on special teams on punts
or	56	John Crowther	Walk-on player handles holding on PATs and FGs
PR	18	Joey Getherall	4th in NCAA with 18.0 yds/ret., 73-yard TD return vs. WVU
KR	22	Julius Jones	4th in NCAA with 28.5 yds/ret., 100-yard TD return vs. Neb.

THE IRISH TRAVEL PLANS

Notre Dame will be headquartered at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 121 Centennial Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854, (732) 980-0500. The Irish are scheduled to depart by TWA charter flight Friday morning. A brief walk-through at the Rutgers Stadium will be held at 11:00 a.m.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will improve to 12-0 in games played in New Jersey.
- The Irish will improve to 15-4 vs. BIG EAST teams since the formation of the BIG EAST football conference in 1991.

IF RUTGERS WINS ...

- The Scarlet Knights will defeat the Irish for the first time in three meetings.
- Rutgers will hand Notre Dame just its fifth loss to a BIG EAST team since 1991.

SERIES NOTES

- After waiting 75 years for a rematch with Rutgers after the teams' first meeting in 1921, Notre Dame plays the Scarlet Knights for the second time in five years this weekend.



- The 75-year gap between meetings (from '21-96) stands as the longest series break in Irish history.
- Notre Dame has won its two games against Rutgers by a combined score of 110-0.
- In the first meeting in front of 12,000 fans at the old Polo Grounds in New York City, All-American Paul Castner scored on two TD runs (55 and two yards) and kicked two field goals as Notre Dame built a 27-0 lead at halftime on its way to a 48-0 win in Knute Rockne's fourth year as head coach.
- Tenth-ranked Notre Dame used a 648-43 advantage in total offense and scored its most points in 19 years as the Irish beat the Scarlet Knights 62-0 in the final game at Notre Dame Stadium in front of 59,075 before the expansion of the stadium. Ron Powlus tied his own school record for TD passes with four and Autry Denson became the sixth Irish player to surpass the 1,000-yard rushing mark in a season. The Irish defense allowed RU minus-six rushing yards and only 3-16 passing for 49 yards.

NEW JERSEY AND U(ND): PERFECT TOGETHER

- The Irish enter the Rutgers game with an 11-0 all-time record in the Garden State.
- Rutgers Stadium will mark the second campus stadium in which Notre Dame has played in New Jersey and the second consecutive road game in which the Irish have played in a stadium for the first time (West Virginia's Mountaineer Field). The Irish won a pair of games over Princeton at Palmer Stadium in 1923 (25-2) and '24 (12-0).
- Notre Dame has five victories against Navy at the Meadowlands (33-0 in '80, 27-10 in '82, 18-17 in '84, 52-31 in '90 and 38-0 in '92), three wins over Army at the Meadowlands (24-0 in '77, 42-0 in '83 and 28-27 in '95) and a victory over Virginia 36-13 at the Meadowlands in the 1989 Kickoff Classic.

CONNECTIONS

- Second-year Notre Dame assistant coach **Lou West** (safeties) and Rutgers associate head coach **Rod Sharpless** (defensive line) both were assistants at Virginia Tech in 1995.
- Third-year Irish offensive line coach **Dave Borbely** and RU assistant coach **Mike Gibson** (special teams/safeties) were on the same staffs at Temple from '89-'91 and at Rice in '88.
- Irish second-year offensive coordinator **Kevin Rogers** attended Sparta (N.J.) High School.
- **Rogers** and RU assistant coach **Charlie West** (secondary) both were assistants at Syracuse during the '95 and '96 seasons.

FRIEND OR FOE?

- Seven Irish players hail from the state of New Jersey: senior LB **Anthony Brannan** (Cedar Grove/Seton Hall Prep), freshman DL **Kyle Budinscak** (Bridgewater/Raritan HS), freshman WR **Lorenzo Crawford** (Prospect Park/Paterson Catholic), junior TB **Terrance Howard** (Willingboro/Rancocas Valley HS), senior SS **Ron Israel** (Lawnside/Haddon Heights HS), freshman QB **Matt LoVecchio** (Franklin Lakes/Bergen Catholic) and junior RE **Ryan Roberts** (Lawnside/Haddonfield HS).
- **LoVecchio** and Rutgers junior DB **Ben Martin** and sophomore WR **Aaron Martin** were teammates at Bergen Catholic.

LOVECCHIO FIRST STARTING QB FROM NEW JERSEY SINCE THEISMANN

Hailing from Franklin Lakes, N.J., freshman **Matt LoVecchio** is Notre Dame's first starting quarterback from the Garden State since Joe Theismann (South River, N.J.) in 1968-70. Frank Tripucka (Bloomfield, N.J.) also started for Notre Dame during his career from 1945-48. Theismann, a 1970 All-American, and Tripucka are believed to be the only New Jersey quarterbacks to start for the Irish prior to LoVecchio. The other QBs from the Garden State who played at Notre Dame but did not start are: Gus Ornstein (Tenafly, 1994), Pete Graham (Rumson, 1986-89), Frank Allocco (New Providence, 1972-75), Bill Bruno (Asbury Park, 1934-36), Hardy Bush (Newark, 1913-14) and Charles Daly (Patterson, 1899).

FISHER HAS RECORD RUSHING DAY

- Junior **Tony Fisher**'s 196-yard rushing day vs. Boston College marked the most proficient day for an Irish runner since Reggie Brooks gained 227 yards vs. USC in 1992 and the third best since 1983.
- His performance stands 11th best in the 1,056 games played in 111-plus seasons of Irish football.
- Fisher took the majority of the carries after sophomore starter **Julius Jones** left with an injury and gained the most yards ever in a single game for an Irish backup TB as each of the six runners who account for the top 10 rushing games were starters.

DAVIE NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST

Head coach Bob Davie has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the *Football News* 2000 coach-of-

MEDIA POLICIES

THE SUNDAY WRAP-UP

Bob Davie holds a media briefing from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each Sunday following Irish games. The briefing is held at the Joyce Center football auditorium. Check with John Heisler at (219) 631-7516 for teleconference availability.

THE HOST FOOTBALL REVIEW

Host Communications offers a two-hour delayed replay of each Notre Dame home game. The replays are available in many major markets, via over-the-air syndication, including South Bend's WNDU-TV (Sundays, beginning at 1:30 a.m.) and AT&T Cable channel 5 (times TBA). The review broadcasts also will be shown in Chicago on WJYS TV-62 (on Sundays, beginning at 3:00 a.m.).

THE DAVIE SHOW

Bob Davie's half-hour, weekly television show is syndicated nationally by Host Communications, produced by Golden Dome Productions and hosted by Jeff Jeffers. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in the South Bend market on the following Saturday (one hour before gametime) and on Fox Sports Net Chicago on Monday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

Monday is the only day practice is open to media (open week Monday plans are TBA). Cameras and media are permitted at Monday practice during the first half hour (check with Notre Dame SID office for exact times). All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office. Notre Dame's publicity material on football is available through a fax-on-demand system. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office at 219-631-7516 for details.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via email should send requests to Sports Information Assistant Eric Wachter at wachter.1@nd.edu.

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home football games.



IRISH HONORS

Head Coach Bob Davie

Football News Coach of the Year Semifinalist

QB Arnaz Battle

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Texas A&M (10-16-133, 2 TDs, 12-50 rushing)

LT Jordan Black

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

LB Rocky Boiman

The Sporting News Great Unknowns Team

DT Darrell Campbell

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

ILB Anthony Denman

The Sporting News, ranked 13th nationally among ILB

Butkus Award preliminary list

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

FS Tony Driver

CBS Player of the Game vs. Navy (two fumble returns for touchdowns)

Florida Citrus Sports Commission Defensive MVP vs. Navy

The Sporting News, ranked 3rd nationally among FS

The Sporting News second team preseason All-American

Jim Thorpe Award watch list

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

TB Tony Fisher

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Boston College (26-196, 2 TDs)

CBS Player of the Game vs. West Virginia (2 receiving TDs, rushing TD)

Doak Walker Award candidate

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

RG Mike Gandy

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

FL Joey Getherall

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Air Force (4-116 receiving, 2 TDs, 2-22 rush., TD)

FL David Givens

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Stanford (3-34 receiving, 2 TDs, 5-23 rushing, blocked punt)

P Joey Hildbold

Ray Guy Award Finalist

the-year award. The list will be trimmed to three finalists on Mon., Nov. 20. The official announcement of *FVs* coach of the year will be made Wed., Dec. 6. Davie has led the Irish to a 6-2 record this season and an Associated Press national ranking of 11th after entering the season unranked following a 5-7 '99 season. Notre Dame has won five consecutive games since its loss at Michigan State, remaining eligible for a potential major bowl appearance. Davie also was a finalist for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/*Street & Smith's* coach-of-the-year award. This year's *FVs* coach of the year will be honored on Tues., March 6, 2001, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the National Athletic Awards ceremony.

IRISH REMAIN ON SCHOOL RECORD TURNOVER PACE

Despite its two fumbles lost vs. Boston College, Notre Dame continues to lead the country in fewest turnovers (seven) in its nine games, while its four INTs thrown by three different QBs stands tied for third best. Notre Dame also is tied for third with three fumbles lost this season. The school record for fewest fumbles lost in a season is five by the 1993 Irish.

- The NCAA record for fewest season turnovers is eight, held by Clemson in 1940 and Miami (Ohio) in 1966. Notre Dame's record for fewest turnovers is 10 in '93 with the '97 team second best with 13.
- The seven consecutive games without a lost fumble to start the season marked the longest streak for Notre Dame since a seven-game streak during the last six games in '93 (BYU, USC, Navy, Florida St., Boston Coll., Texas A&M in Cotton Bowl) and the first game of the '94 season vs. Northwestern.

IRISH WIN 10TH STRAIGHT FOLLOWING AN OFF WEEK

Since 1984, Notre Dame is 19-2 in regular-season games following a bye week, including seven wins over ranked teams: 24-10 over #19 Army in 1985, 24-19 at #1 Michigan in '89, 31-23 at #19 USC in '92, 31-24 over #1 Florida State in '93, 54-20 over #16 Washington in '96, 24-6 at #11 LSU in '97 and 34-30 over #23 Oklahoma in 1999.

- Notre Dame has a 7-0 record under head coach Bob Davie following a bye week. Here's how the Irish have fared in those games:

11/11/00 #11 Notre Dame 28, Boston College 16	10/24/98 #18 Notre Dame 20, Army 17
10/7/00 #25 Notre Dame 20, Stanford 14	10/26/98 #23 Notre Dame 31, Purdue 30
10/30/99 Notre Dame 28, Navy 24	11/15/97 Notre Dame 24, #11 LSU 6
10/2/99 Notre Dame 34, #23 Oklahoma 30	

- Notre Dame has won its last 10 games when coming off a regular-season bye week -- since a 23-16 loss to eighth-ranked Florida State in a game played on Nov. 12, 1994, at the Florida Citrus Bowl. Including the six since 1997, the other three off-week wins are:

11/2/96 #19 Notre Dame 54, Navy 27
10/12/96 #11 Notre Dame 54, #16 Washington 20
11/18/95 #8 Notre Dame 44, Air Force 14

RED ZONE REPORT

The Irish have capitalized on 24 of their 25 trips inside the red zone this season with the only missed opportunity coming on a loss on downs against Michigan State. Notre Dame has come away with 13 rushing touchdowns, seven passing touchdowns and four field goals from **Nick Setta**, while its opponents have five field goals in addition to the 18 TDs (nine passing and nine rushing). The red zone chances include two each for the Irish and their opponents in overtime.

NOTRE DAME IN '00	Category	'00 OPPONENTS
25	Red-Zone Chances	27
7	Passing TDs	9
13	Rushing TDs	9
20	Total TDs	18
.800 (20/25)	TD Pct.667 (18/27)
4	FGs Made	5
0	FGs Missed	2
0	FGs Blocked	0
132	Total Points (TD-6, FG-3)	123
.960 (24/25)	Scoring Pct.852 (23/27)

THE BOSTON COLLEGE REVIEW

The Irish had their best rushing day under fourth-year head coach **Bob Davie** -- including 196 by junior TB **Tony Fisher** -- as Notre Dame improved to 7-2 with a 28-16 win over visiting Boston Col-



IRISH HONORS

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TE Jabari Holloway

The Sporting News and *Lindy's*, ranked 3rd nationally among TE

The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

RE Grant Irons

The Sporting News and *Lindy's*, ranked 15th nationally among DE

Lindy's, ranked 16th nationally among DE
The Sporting News and *Football News* preseason all-independent team

LG Jim Jones

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

TB Julius Jones

CNNSI.com Half-America Team selection as kickoff returner

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Nebraska (2 kickoff returns for 145 yards, 100-yard TD return)

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Michigan State (26 carries for 126 yards, two touchdowns)

The Sporting News, ranked 19th nationally among RB

Athlon NFL all-decade team for 2000-2009
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

QB Matt LoVecchio

Florida Citrus Sports Commission Offensive MVP vs. Navy

PK Nick Setta

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Purdue (3-4 FG, 38-yard game-winning FG, 2-2 PATs)

USATODAY.com Player of the Week (Sept. 16 after game-winning FG vs. Purdue)

RT John Teasdale

Football News preseason all-independent team

CB Shane Walton

Amateur Star of the Month by San Diego Hall of Champions for September

LE Anthony Weaver

The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among DT

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

CB Brock Williams

Lindy's, ranked 23rd nationally among CB
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

lege. After sophomore **Julius Jones** left the game with a first-quarter injury, Fisher proceeded to produce the best running game for an Irish player since Reggie Brooks gained 227 yards against USC in 1992 and the 11th best single-game individual rushing total in Notre Dame history. Junior **Terrance Howard** also added 84 yards to the Irish total of 380 net rushing yards -- the most since 426 vs. Boston College in 1996. Junior LE **Anthony Weaver's** second INT of the season on BC's second play following the opening KO was followed three plays later by a one-yard TD run by Jones. After a BC field goal, Fisher capped off a 98-yard drive with a 37-yard run TD to give the Irish a 14-3 lead at halftime. The Irish drove the opening KO of the second half 65 yards before Fisher scored his second TD from one yard for a 21-3 lead. The Eagles replied with a TD drive of their own to pull within 21-10. After the Irish drove to the BC five-yard line, sophomore K **Nick Setta** and junior HLD **Adam Tibble** successfully faked a FG attempt as Tibble ran the option with a pitch to Setta, who darted untouched into the end zone. Boston College scored a TD with 5:04 left but failed on its two-point conversion, and senior SS **Ron Israel's** interception with 48 seconds left sealed the Irish win.

SCOUTING THE IRISH OFFENSE

Line -- The veteran Irish offensive line in '00 -- with the only untested position at the start of the season being center -- has remained intact with the same five starters in the first nine games of the season and helped Notre Dame gain 380 net rushing yards against Boston College. Senior guards **Jim Jones** (left guard) and **Mike Gandy** (right guard) combined to start 21 games at their respective positions last year, while Gandy has made 24 consecutive starts in his career. Junior **Jordan Black** is back at the left tackle position where he started the first nine games in '99, while senior **Kurt Vollers** moved into the starting role at right tackle following backup action at left tackle in '99. Sophomore **Jeff Faine** is at center after seeing no game action as a freshman. Senior **John Teasdale** started 10 games in '99 at mostly right tackle and provides experience as a backup to Vollers. The other reserves are sophomore **Brennan Curtin** at tackle, juniors **Sean Mahan** and **Ryan Scarola** at guard and at center senior **JW Jordan**.

Backs -- Freshman **Matt LoVecchio** (51-92 for 677 yards, 9 TDs, 176 yards rushing) has settled into the starting quarterback position -- the third starting Irish QB this season -- and has won each of his first five starts. He made his first career start against Stanford after first coming off the bench against Michigan State in the second half and threw at least two TD passes in each of his first four starts -- the first Irish QB to throw at least 2 TDs in four consecutive games since Rick Mirer in 1992. Junior **Arnaz Battle** (13-31-173, 2 TDs, 157 yards rushing vs. Texas A&M and Nebraska) suffered a fractured left navicular (wrist) against Nebraska -- an injury that required surgery and will keep him out for the season-- thrusting sophomore **Gary Godsey** into the starting spot against Purdue (14 of 25 for 158 yards in first career game) and Michigan State (4-15 for 20 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT). Godsey returned to tight end following the Air Force, a move that will afford him the best chance to see playing time. Freshmen **Jared Clark** and **Carlyle Holiday** will back up LoVecchio. Neither Clark nor Holiday has played a down this season.

A trio of tailbacks -- sophomore **Julius Jones** (142-586, 6 TDs, 5-48 receiving) and juniors **Tony Fisher** (90-401, 4 TDs, 9-87 receiving, 3 TDs) and **Terrance Howard** (50-308, TD) -- gives the Irish a talented and diversified running attack as each started at least once in the first four games. The elusive Jones has had three 100-yard rushing games this season (126 vs. Michigan State, 105 vs. Navy and 111 vs. Air Force) before leaving the Boston College game with an injury. Fisher, who started all 12 games last year and has started four games this season, had the best rushing game for an Irish player since 1992 with his 196-yard game against Boston College. Howard (career-high 7-96 vs. West Virginia) adds a combination of quickness and power. Sophomore **Chris Yura** (first four carries of his career vs. Navy, four-yard gain on fake punt vs. BC) also helps out at tailback.

Senior **Jason Murray** (3-9, 2 catches for 12 yards, TD) shares the fullback duties with junior **Tom Lopienski** (7-13, 4-54 receiving) who missed the Stanford game with a shoulder injury. **Lopienski** moved into the starting fullback spot for the first four games after carrying the ball 25 times for 76 yards in all 12 games last year. Junior **Mike McNair** also helps out at fullback after recovering from an injury-plagued '99 in which he played only in the opener against Kansas.

Receivers -- Senior **Joey Getherall** (14-252, 3 TDs) continues to be a steady performer for the Irish and had a three TD performance against Air Force, while junior **David Givens** (21-250) shares time with Getherall at flanker and had career bests for receptions and yards against Purdue (6-86) and touchdowns against Stanford (2). Junior **Javin Hunter** (8-156, TD) moved into the starting position at



RUTGERS SERIES

Series: ND leads 2-0

At Notre Dame Stadium: ND leads 1-0

At Rutgers Stadium: none

Longest Series Streak: ND 2 wins

Site	Year	Rank	W/L/T	ND	RU
PG	1921		W	48	0
*	1996	10-	W	62	0

Ranking refers to AP poll
 PG – Polo Grounds (N.Y., N.Y.)
 * – Notre Dame Stadium

JONES QUICKLY CLIMBS
 KICKOFF RETURN LIST

In his brief Irish career, sophomore **Julius Jones** is on pace to surpass Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown as the Notre Dame leader in career kickoff return yards. He already has 1030 yards, fourth most in Irish history, just two yards ahead of teammate **Tony Driver**.

Name	Yards	Ret.	Aver.	Yrs.
1. Tim Brown	1613	69	23.38	'84-'87
2. Raghbir Ismail	1271	46	27.63	'88-'90
3. Jim Stone	1079	49	22.02	'77-'80
4. Julius Jones	1030	41	25.12	'99-'00
5. Tony Driver	1028	44	23.36	'97-'00
6. Allen Rossum	891	29	30.72	'94-'97
7. Clint Johnson	778	27	28.81	'90-'93
8. Emmett Mosley	778	39	25.93	'93-'96
9. Paul Castner	767	21	36.52	'20-'22
10. Terry Eurick	739	32	23.09	'74-'77

IRISH REMAIN
 FAN FAVORITES

The ESPN Sports Poll, a product of TNS Intersearch, asked a sample of college sports fans from September 1999 through August 2000 to name their favorite college football team, and Notre Dame was tapped the fans' favorite team. The Fighting Irish were the only team to be represented among the top 10 favorite teams in each of the four regions. Notre Dame finished second in the West and Northeast, fourth in the North Central and sixth in the South.

split end after playing in every game last year. Senior **Jay Johnson** (2-58, TD) played in the final 11 games of '99 and plays behind Hunter but did not play against West Virginia and Air Force with a hamstring injury. Freshman **Omar Jenkins** also has been in the rotations. Another strength for the Irish is at tight end where senior All-America candidate **Jabari Holloway** (6-97) and fifth-year and '99 honorable mention All-American **Dan O'Leary** (8-66, TD) give the Irish a pair of talented, experienced tight ends. Former converted QB sophomore **Gary Godsey** returned to TE following the Air Force game, a position he played as a freshman in '99 but did not see action.

SCOUTING THE IRISH DEFENSE

Line -- After making a slight adjustment on the defensive line in '00 -- going from a two end-two tackle alignment to one featuring two ends, a tackle and a nose guard -- the Irish were forced to shift one end position after losing senior RE **Grant Irons** (4 tackles, 1 for loss) for the season with a dislocated shoulder against Nebraska that required surgery. Sophomore **Ryan Roberts** (17 tackles, four sacks) moved into Irons starting spot at right end and has been a great addition to the Irish pass rush. All-America candidate junior and two-year starter **Anthony Weaver** (44 tackles, 9 for loss, 4 sacks, 2 INTs, 1 fumble recovery) has starred at left end. Fifth-year **B.J. Scott** (21 tackles, 4 for loss, 2.5 sacks) made his first career against Nebraska at defensive tackle, while senior **Andy Wisne** (8 tackles, sack) backs up Scott after starting against A&M. Senior **Lance Legree** (45 tackles, 5 for loss) entered '00 the starter at nose guard after starting the final seven games of '99 there. The reserves are sophomore **Darrell Campbell** (2 tackles for loss, fumble recovery) at right end, **Cedric Hilliard** (2 tackles, 1 for loss) at nose guard and junior **John Owens** (8 tackles, 3 for loss, sack) at left end.

Linebackers -- Led by senior **Anthony Denman** (team-high 76 tackles, 13 for loss, 5 sacks) and junior **Rocky Boiman** (54 tackles, 8 for loss, 3.5 sacks, forced fumble), the Irish linebackers have played a large role in Notre Dame's improved defense. Denman starts at inside linebacker for the second straight year and had five tackles for loss and forced two fumbles against Air Force, while Boiman anchors the outside spot. Junior **Tyreo Harrison** (43 tackles, 4 for loss, sack, two fumbles forced and one recovered) moved into a starting spot at inside linebacker after playing all 12 games in '99 with two starts. Junior **Carlos Pierre-Antoine** fills in at inside linebacker. Fifth-year **Anthony Brannan** backs up Boiman on the outside, while sophomore **Courtney Watson** (9 tackles, 1 for loss) plays behind Denman.

Backs -- Old faces and new faces make up the Irish secondary starters. Seniors **Tony Driver** (56 tackles, sack, two fumble returns for TDs, INT, 4 pass deflections) and **Brock Williams** (42 tackles, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 INT, 3 pass deflections) returned to starting roles, while senior **Ron Israel** (35 tackles, 3 for loss, 2 INT, 2 pass deflections) and junior **Shane Walton** (40 tackles, 2 for loss, 2 INTs, 60-yard INT TD, 3 pass deflections) moved into starting spots. Driver plays at free safety for the first time since '98 after playing seven games in '99 at tailback. Williams is back at left cornerback where he started eight of the last 10 games in '98. Israel moved from top reserve in '99 to starter at strong safety in '00. Walton -- who had his first career interception against Nebraska and had a 60-yard INT return against Purdue's Drew Brees -- won the starting spot at right cornerback after playing in nine games in '99 following a freshman season in which he starred on the Irish men's soccer team. Sophomore **Glenn Earl** (19 tackles, fumble recovery, blocked punt and FG) played significant minutes against Air Force in replace of Israel. The other reserves are sophomore **Jason Beckstrom** (12 tackles, 3 pass deflections) at left cornerback, junior **Clifford Jefferson** (18 tackles, forced fumble) at right cornerback, sophomore **Gerome Sapp** (37 tackles, 2 for loss) at strong safety and junior **Donald Dykes** (15 tackles) at free safety.

SCOUTING THE IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS

Fifth-year newcomer **Matt McNew** -- who joined the team in the spring after four years with the Irish men's soccer team -- handles the kickoffs and has allowed an average opponent starting position of 25-yard line through 46 kickoffs in '00. Sophomore **Nick Setta** (33-34 PATs, 6-11 FG) has shined as the Irish placekicker. He nailed the game-winning FG from 38 yards against Purdue as time expired and successfully executed a fake FG for a TD vs. BC. Sophomore and Ray Guy award finalist **Joey Hildbold** (52-2171-41.8) ranks 30th in the NCAA in punting average, has 15 punts of at least 50 yards (including two over 60 yards) and has allowed an average return of 2.3 yards per punt. He missed the BC game with an ankle injury. Setta filled in vs. BC and punted four times for 160 yards, landing two inside the 20 in his first career punting duties. Sophomore **Julius Jones** is fourth in the nation in KO



return (15427-28.5, 100-yard TD return against Nebraska), while junior **David Givens** (8-177) and senior **Tony Driver** (6-177) also have helped the Irish to rank first in the country in KO returns. **Joey Getherall** (21-377-18.0 with 83-yard TD return vs. Nebraska, 73-yard return vs. WVU) returns punts and is fourth in the country. **Dan O'Leary** (punts) and **John Crowther** (PAT and FG) share the snaps. **Adam Tibble** does the holding.

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS TRULY SPECIAL

Along with Notre Dame's success with returns (see below), the Irish special teams have helped set up three key touchdowns following two blocked punts and another botched punt, forced overtime in the win over Air Force and scored a key TD vs. BC.

- Against Purdue, sophomore **Glenn Earl** blocked Travis Dorsch's punt as the Irish took over at the Boiler four-yard line -- leading to the first Irish touchdown in the 23-21 win.
- Against Stanford, junior **David Givens** blocked Mike Biselli's punt as the Irish took over at the Stanford 10-yard line -- leading to Notre Dame's second touchdown in the 20-14 win.
- Against West Virginia with the score tied at 14, **Courtney Watson** tackled punter Mark Fazzolari at the WVU 16-yard line following a high snap to set up the go-ahead TD three plays later.
- **Nick Setta** and **Adam Tibble** combined for a perfectly executed fake field goal vs. BC. Tibble ran the option from the snap and pitched to Setta, who ran untouched into the end zone for a five-yard TD run to give the Irish a 28-10 lead.
- Other special team highlights for the Irish this season include **Nick Setta's** 38-yard, game-winning field goal against Purdue and **Earl's** blocked field goal against Air Force -- both as time expired in the fourth quarter --with the scored tied 28-28 in the eventual Irish overtime victory.
- Here's a comparison between the '99 and '00 Irish special teams in the NCAA statistics:

1999	Return Yards -- Total Returns -- Average -- TDs	2000
21st at 23.1	Kickoff	1st at 26.9
17th at 12.5	Punt	4th at 16.7
64th at 35.2	Net Punting	8th at 39.1

MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOR NOTRE DAME

The Irish have totalled 1380 return yards this season compared to 805 for their opponents -- a margin so large due in large part to the stellar performances of punt returner **Joey Getherall** (4th nationally at 18.0), punter **Joey Hildbold** (30th nationally at 41.8), kickoff returners **Julius Jones** (4th nationally at 28.5), **Tony Driver** and **David Givens** and placekicker **Matt McNew**. Notre Dame also is the only school ranked in the top 10 in kickoff returns, punt returns and net punting and one of only two in the top 20 in each according to the latest NCAA statistical rankings, while Jones and Getherall are the only teammates in the top five in punt and KO returns.

Notre Dame's kicking game has limited its opponents to 4.8 yards per punt return and 19.0 yards per kickoff return. Based on the statistical rankings of the 114 NCAA I-A teams, these averages would place the Irish opponents 111th in punt returns and 78th in KO returns, while Notre Dame stands first in KO returns (26.9) and fourth in punt returns (16.7). Notre Dame also ranks eighth in net punting at 39.1, while its opponents' net punting of 32.9 would place them 88th, according to the latest NCAA national statistics. Here's a breakdown of the returns:

NOTRE DAME	Return Yards -- Total Returns -- Average -- TDs	OPPONENTS
781--29--26.9--1	Kickoff	626--33--19.0--0
450--27--16.7--2	Punt	140--29--4.8--0
100--8--12.5--1	Interception	39--4--9.8--0
49--3--16.3--2	Fumble	0-1-0
1380--67--20.6--6	Total Returns	805--67--12.1--0

DENMAN, DRIVER, FISHER, HILDBOLD, JONES EARN TROPHY CONSIDERATION

Four Irish players have been selected for considerations for the annual position-specific trophies. Senior linebacker **Anthony Denman** joins the preliminary list of 70 candidates for the Butkus Award - presented annually to the best linebacker in college football by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. Senior free safety **Tony Driver** has been picked one of 40 players on the "watch list" for the Jim Thorpe Award -- presented annually to the best defensive back in college football by the Jim Thorpe Association in Oklahoma City, Okla. Junior tailback **Tony Fisher** was selected one of 35 initial candidates for the Doak Walker Award presented by Vectrix -- given annually to the nation's top college

NOTRE DAME VS. BIG EAST TEAMS

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Boston College	9	3	0	.750
Miami	15	7	1	.674
Pittsburgh	40	17	1	.698
Rutgers	2	0	0	1.000
Syracuse	2	1	0	.667
Temple	0	0	0	---
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	---
West Virginia	3	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	71	28	2	.713

- Notre Dame has won 71 percent of its games (71-28-2) vs. teams that currently comprise the BIG EAST Conference, with 58 of those 100 games vs. former independent Pittsburgh.
- The Irish own a winning series record versus all six BIG EAST teams they have faced.
- Notre Dame is 14-4 versus BIG EAST teams since the formation of the BIG EAST football conference beginning with the '91 season.
- Prior to the '99 loss to Pittsburgh, Notre Dame had not lost to a BIG EAST team since the 11th-ranked Irish were upset, 30-11, at Boston College on Oct. 8, 1994 ... since that '94 game, Notre Dame posted a 20-10 win over BC in 1995, a 60-6 win over Pittsburgh in '96, a 62-0 victory over Rutgers in the '96 season finale, a 45-21 win at Pittsburgh in '97, a 52-20 home win over BC in '97, a 21-14 win over No. 22 WVU in the final home game of the '97 season and a 31-26 win at Boston College in 1998.
- The last Notre Dame-Miami game came in 1990 and is one of the most memorable games in the series, as Raghib Ismail returned a kick-off 94 yards for a touchdown and Craig Hentrich kicked a Notre Dame record five field goals to help the sixth-ranked Irish upset the No. 2 Hurricanes, 29-20, at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame's last game versus Syracuse came in 1963, a 14-7 home victory for the Orangemen.
- Notre Dame has never played Temple or Virginia Tech.
- Future BIG EAST opponents for the Irish are West Virginia and at Boston College in 2001, Pittsburgh, Boston College and Rutgers in 2002 and at Pittsburgh, at Boston College and at Syracuse in 2003.



DOVE TO ENTER HALL OF FAME

Notre Dame two-time consensus football All-American Bob Dove is one of 14 individuals selected for induction to the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame for 2000. Dove is one of 14 players and two coaches who will be officially inducted at the National Football Foundation's 43rd annual award dinner on Dec. 12, 2000, in New York City. The class then will be enshrined at the College Hall of Fame in South Bend in August, 2001. Representing the College Football Hall of Fame, executive director Bernie Kish presented Dove during halftime ceremonies of the Texas A&M game. Dove becomes the 38th former Notre Dame player inducted -- with Notre Dame boasting more representatives (including five coaches) than any other school. A three-year starter at end in 1940-42, Dove played on Frank Leahy's first two teams at Notre Dame and became the first sophomore to start for the Irish in 11 seasons. He was a second-team selection on Street & Smith's All-Time Dream Team for the first 50 years of its publication from 1941-90. He played nine seasons for several pro teams, earning Pro Bowl recognition in '51. Dove is the first player chosen by the Hall's Honors Review Committee, which considers players who played more than 50 years ago.

GEORGE CONNOR PRESENTED OUTLAND

A ceremony to present former Irish great George Connor with an Outland Trophy was held during pregame ceremonies of the Texas A&M game. He was presented with an Outland Trophy in recognition of the award he received in 1946. The Outland Trophy recognizes the nation's top interior lineman and ranks as college football's third-oldest award, behind only the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell Award -- both of which honor the nation's top overall player. Connor was the first recipient of the Outland, but permanent trophies were not presented to the winners until 1989. Prior to 1989, the winner of the Outland was presented with a plaque and the original trophy, which then was passed on to the following year's winner. The Football Writers Association of America -- sponsor of voting and presentation of the Outland Trophy -- recently decided to begin presenting Outland trophies to pre-'89 winners. The Downtown Rotary Club of Omaha and the Omaha Sports Committee also came on board with this project and began presenting the trophies to former winners at the annual Outland Award Dinner in Omaha.

running back by the Southwestern Bell-SMU Athletic Forum in Dallas, before **Julius Jones** became an additional Irish nominee. Sophomore punter **Joey Hildbold** has been named one of 10 finalists for the Ray Guy Award -- presented to the best punter in college football as determined by an executive committee comprised of sports writers, college football coaches, former punters and members of the Greater Augusta Sports Council. Hildbold is one of only two sophomores on the list. The winner will be announced on Dec. 7, at the ESPN College Football Awards Show.

DRIVER 'RETURNS' TO RECORDBOOK

In the first 12:47 of the Navy game, **Tony Driver** became just the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to return a pair of fumbles for touchdowns -- since a 1992 NCAA change permitting defensive players to advance fumbles regardless of where on the field they occur. He joined Minnesota's Tyrone Carter who returned a pair of fumbles for TDs against Syracuse on Sept. 21, 1996.

- Driver also became the first Irish player in a season or a career to return a pair of fumbles for TDs, let alone in one game or one quarter.
- The last Irish defensive player to score two touchdowns was Dave Waymer, who ran back two interceptions in a 40-15 win against Miami (Fla.) in the 1979 Mirage Bowl in Toyko.

DRIVER NAMED TO THE SPORTING NEWS MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

The Sporting News has selected Irish senior **Tony Driver** to its midseason All-America list at free safety. Driver is second among the Irish with 45 tackles and has broken up three passes. He recorded an interception in the Irish opener against Texas A&M -- in his first game on defense since the '98 season -- and returned a pair of fumbles for TDs against Navy (see above).

WEAVER LEADS STRONG DEFENSE

Notre Dame's defense has been tough on opposing quarterbacks this season with 27 sacks in nine games, in addition to numerous hurries and knockdowns. The play of junior DE **Anthony Weaver** has been a significant part of the Irish defensive pressure. Weaver has nine tackles for losses and four sacks. The Irish surpassed their 18 sacks in '99 after totalling 20 sacks through the first seven games.

- Weaver also has two interceptions (vs. Michigan State to set up go-ahead TD and vs. Boston College on Eagles' first possession to set up early TD), a fumble recovery (vs. Stanford with the Cardinal threatening to score on ND's 15-yard line) and a deflected third-down pass (vs. Air Force with the Falcons having to settle for a field goal after the incomplete pass).
- Junior RE **Ryan Roberts** had at least one sack in each of the first four games, becoming the first Irish player since Kory Minor in 1996 (vs. Boston College, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and USC) to have at least one sack in four consecutive games.
- Notre Dame's six sacks against Michigan State stand as the most under head coach Bob Davie and the most since the Irish had nine sacks against Rutgers in 1996.

IRISH DEFENSE GETS OFFENSIVE

Of Notre Dame's 35 touchdowns -- in addition to the three scored from kickoff and punt returns, the two set up by blocked punts and one set up by a botched opponent punt and a fake field goal -- the Irish defense has scored or set up short drives on six other TDs. **Shane Walton** had a 60-yard interception return against Purdue, while both of **Anthony Weaver's** interceptions (vs. Michigan State at the two-yard line and vs. Boston College on the Eagles' second offensive play) were followed shortly by one-yard TD runs by **Julius Jones**. **Brock Williams** had an interception against Stanford before it took Jones three plays (three-yard run, 24-yard shovel pass and seven-yard run) to score on a short 34-yard TD drive. **Tony Driver** had a record day with two fumble returns for TDs against Navy.

DEFENSIVE BACKS SHARE INTERCEPTIONS

Irish senior SS **Ron Israel** helped seal the West Virginia win with a late, fourth-quarter interception, the first of his career and added another later INT vs. BC. He joined seniors **Tony Driver** and **Brock Williams** and junior **Shane Walton** with INTs in '00 as all four of the starting Irish DBs in the secondary now have at least one INT each: Driver (Texas A&M), Williams (Stanford), Walton (Nebraska and Purdue).

IRISH CONTINUE QB'S FIRST-START MAGIC

For the third time in five games in '00, an Irish quarterback making his first career start led Notre Dame to victory vs. Stanford. Freshman QB **Matt LoVecchio** began his first start by leading the Irish on a 91-



yard drive in 11 plays in the 20-14 win over the Cardinal. Three weeks earlier, sophomore QB **Gary Godsey** engineered a game-winning drive that ended with a field goal as time expired in the 23-21 win over 13th-ranked Purdue. Two weeks before that game, junior **Arnaz Battle** -- out indefinitely with a broken left navicular suffered against Nebraska -- made his first career start in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over 25th-ranked Texas A&M. Battle became the 10th, Godsey became the 11th and LoVecchio became the 12th of the last 13 Irish quarterbacks to be victorious in their first career starts.

- From 1985-98, Notre Dame was victorious in nine straight games in which an Irish quarterback was making his first career start, including four coming in a season opener. Notre Dame's nine-game, first-start streak ended in the 10-0 loss at USC on Nov. 28, 1998, when Eric Chappell started in place of the injured starter Jackson (then-freshman Arnaz Battle also played a large chunk of that game).
- Battle also became the 10th consecutive Irish quarterback making his first start to lead the Irish to victory in a season opener, a streak dating back to 1965: Bill Zloch (vs. Cal, '65), Terry Hanratty (vs. Purdue, '66), Pat Steenberge (vs. Northwestern, '71), Tom Clements (vs. Northwestern, '72), Rick Slager (vs. Boston College, '75), Rick Mirer (vs. Michigan, '90), Kevin McDougal (vs. Northwestern, '93), Ron Powlus (vs. Northwestern, '94) and Jarious Jackson (vs. Michigan, '98).

LAST 13 STARTING DEBUT GAMES BY NOTRE DAME QUARTERBACKS

- Terry Andrysiak, sophomore (vs. Mississippi, 11/9/85; 8th game of season) ... win, 37-14
- Tony Rice, sophomore (at Air Force, 10/17/87; 5th game of season) ... win, 35-14
- Kent Graham, freshman (Boston College, 11/7/87; 8th game of season) ... win, 32-25
- Rick Mirer, sophomore (#4 Michigan, 9/15/90; 1st game of season) ... win, 28-24
- Paul Failla, freshman (at Purdue, 9/28/91; 4th game of season) ... win, 45-20
- Kevin McDougal, senior (Northwestern, 9/4/93; 1st game of season) ... win, 27-12
- Ron Powlus, sophomore (at Northwestern, 9/3/94; 1st game of season) ... win, 42-15
- Tom Krug, junior (at Air Force, 11/18/95; 11th game of season) ... win, 44-14
- Jarious Jackson, senior (#5 Michigan, 9/5/98; 1st game of season) ... win, 36-20
- Eric Chappell, junior (at USC, 11/28/98, 11th game of season) ... loss, 10-0
- **Arnaz Battle, junior (#25 Texas A&M, 9/2/00, 1st game of season) ... win, 24-10**
- **Gary Godsey, sophomore (#13 Purdue, 9/16/00, 3rd game of season) ... win, 23-21**
- **Matt LoVecchio, freshman (Stanford, 10/7/00, 5th game of season) ... win, 20-14**

LoVECCHIO 3RD STARTING QB IN FIRST FIVE GAMES, JUST 4TH FROSH QB IN 49 YEARS

Freshman **Matt LoVecchio** became Notre Dame's third starting quarterback in five games this season against Stanford, marking the first time since 1987 the Irish have had three starting QBs in one season and have had a significant starting freshman quarterback. After senior starter Terry Andrysiak broke his left collarbone in the fourth game of the '87 season, sophomore Tony Rice started six of the last seven games of the regular season. Freshman Kent Graham started against Boston College (6-8 for 111 yards, INT in the 32-25 win) in the eighth game of the season. Andrysiak returned as the starting QB in the Cotton Bowl.

- Steve Beuerlein started his fourth game as a freshman against Colorado (8-12 for 133 yards in 27-3 win) in 1983. Beuerlein took over for senior Blair Kiel -- who, in 1980, became the first Irish freshman to start at quarterback since Ralph Guglielmi in 1951 vs. North Carolina. Kiel made his first start in the fourth game of the season against Miami (4-17 for 35 yards in 32-14 win).
- Here's a comparison of the last four freshman QBs to start at Notre Dame (figures do not include bowl games):

Quarterback	Year	GP-GS	Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yards-TD	Pct.	Record as Starter
Matt LoVecchio	2000	6-5	92-51-1-677-9	.554	5-0
Kent Graham	1987	7-1	24-16-4-248-1	.667	1-0
Steve Beuerlein	1983	10-8	145-75-6-1061-4	.517	5-3
Blair Kiel	1980	9-8	124-48-5-531-0	.387	6-1-1

BOIMAN NAMED TO THE SPORTING NEWS TEAM

The Sporting News has selected Irish junior OLB **Rocky Boiman** to its list of *Great Unknowns* -- "you probably won't recognize their faces, but you should recognize their efforts." Boiman has played a key role in the resurgence of the Notre Dame defense this season. He already has 54 tackles -- third most on the team -- and four-and-a-half sacks, surpassing his 39 tackles and two sacks in '99.

37 FORMER IRISH ON '00 NFL ROSTERS

Notre Dame has 37 of its former football players participating in the National Football League in 2000, according to figures released by the league based on opening-day active rosters. The Irish led all Division I schools in that category five straight years from 1995 through '99. Notre Dame ranked second in players on 2000 opening-day rosters -- with Florida State leading the way (38), followed by Notre Dame (37), Ohio State (35), Florida and Miami (34 each), Penn State (32), Michigan and USC (31 each) and Nebraska, North Carolina and Texas A&M (30 each). Here are the former Fighting Irish now active in the pros (R indicates rookie):

- Carolina:** QB Steve Beuerlein, DB Deveron Harper (R), LB Kory Minor
- Chicago:** DT Jim Flanigan, OT Jerry Wisne, DB Shawn Wooden
- Cincinnati:** DB Tom Carter, DT Oliver Gibson
- Cleveland:** RB Marc Edwards
- Dallas:** WR Raghieb Ismail
- Denver:** QB Jarious Jackson (R)
- Detroit:** LB Scott Kowalkowski
- Green Bay:** DB Allen Rossum
- Indianapolis:** DB Jeff Burris, P Hunter Smith
- Jacksonville:** DE Renaldo Wynn
- Kansas City:** C Tim Grunhard
- Miami:** C Tim Ruddy, RB Autry Denson
- New York Giants:** OT Luke Petitgout, OG Mike Rosenthal, C Dusty Zeigler
- Oakland:** WR Tim Brown
- Philadelphia:** QB Ron Powlus, DT Paul Grasmanis, DB Bobby Taylor
- Pittsburgh:** RB Jerome Bettis, WR Malcolm Johnson
- St. Louis:** DB Todd Lyght
- San Diego:** K John Carney
- San Francisco:** DE Junior Bryant, QB Rick Mirer, DT Bryant Young
- Seattle:** WR Derrick Mayes, RB Ricky Watters
- Tennessee:** P Craig Hentrich
- Washington:** OT Andy Heck

In addition, signed to NFL practice squads were Brad Williams (Chicago), Mike Doughty (Cincinnati) and Bobby Brown (Cleveland). Since the start of the season, Anthony Johnson was signed by Jacksonville.

IRISH IN XFL

Notre Dame has eight players set to participate in the inaugural XFL season that kicks off in Feb., 2001. OT Jeremy Akers (1993-96) was drafted by Orlando, and DE Lamont Bryant (1996-99) by NY/NJ. Chicago has six Irish players based on geographical consideration: DB Deke Cooper ('96-99), RB Robert Farmer ('93-96), LB Bobbie Howard ('95-98), QB Kevin McDougal ('90-93), DB A'Jani Sanders ('96-99) and RB Ray Zellars ('91-94).



SINGLE-GAME BESTS

CAREER BESTS – RUSHING YARDS

Arnaz Battle 107 yards vs. Nebraska, '00
 Tony Fisher 196 vs. Boston College, '00
 Julius Jones 146 vs. Navy, '99
 Terrance Howard 96 vs. West Virginia, '00
 Tom Lopienski 20 vs. USC, '99
 Matt LoVecchio 73 vs. Boston College, '00

CAREER BESTS – COMPLETIONS

Arnaz Battle 10 vs. Texas A&M, '00
 Gary Godsey 14 vs. Purdue, '00
 Matt LoVecchio 13 vs. Navy, '00

CAREER BESTS – PASSING YARDS

Arnaz Battle 133 vs. Texas A&M, '00
 Gary Godsey 158 vs. Purdue, '00
 Matt LoVecchio 183 vs. Navy, '00

CAREER BESTS – RECEPTIONS

Tony Fisher .. 3 vs. BC, Stan., '99, West Va., '00
 Joey Getherall 7 vs. USC, '99
 David Givens 6, vs. Purdue, '00
 Jabari Holloway 4 vs. Purdue, '98
 Terrance Howard 3 vs. Boston College, '00
 Javin Hunter 3 vs. Mich./Purdue, '99
 Jay Johnson 2 vs. Tennessee, '99
 Julius Jones 2 vs. Purdue, '00
 Tom Lopienski 2 vs. Michigan St., '99
 Dan O'Leary 4 vs. Purdue, '97

CAREER BESTS – RECEIVING YARDS

Tony Fisher 68 vs. Stanford, '99
 Joey Getherall 133 vs. Oklahoma, '99
 David Givens 86 vs. Purdue, '00
 Jabari Holloway 94 vs. Purdue, '98
 Terrance Howard 41 vs. Boston College, '00
 Javin Hunter 84 vs. Michigan St., '99
 Julius Jones 49 vs. USC, '99
 Dan O'Leary 54 vs. Pitt, '99

CAREER BESTS – TACKLES

Rocky Boiman 9 vs. Texas A&M, Neb., '00
 Anthony Denman 13 vs. Tenn., '99, Neb., '00
 Tony Driver 11 vs. Michigan St., '00
 Donald Dykes .. 3 vs. Pitt, Stan., '99, Purdue, '00
 Glenn Earl 8 vs. Air Force, '00
 Tyreo Harrison 12 vs. Purdue, '00
 Grant Irons 8 in three games
 Ron Israel 8 vs. West Virginia, '00
 Clifford Jefferson 10 vs. Purdue, '99
 Lance Legree 7 vs. Neb., Stan., '00
 Carlos Pierre-Antoine 5 vs. ASU, '99
 Ryan Roberts 4 vs. Neb., Mich. St., '00
 B.J. Scott 6 vs. Air Force, '00
 Gerome Sapp 8 vs. Boston College, '00
 Shane Walton 7 vs. Neb., '00
 Anthony Weaver 9 vs. Purdue, '00
 Brock Williams 8 vs. Stan., '98, Mich. St., '00

JULIUS JONES NAMED TO "HALF-AMERICA TEAM"

Sophomore **Julius Jones** has been named the best kickoff returner in the country, according to CNNSI/ com's "Half-America Team" -- a list of the nation's top players through the first half of the season. He currently is ranked fourth in the country with an average of 28.5 yards per return and is one of just three second-year players on the list, joining redshirt freshman CB Michael Jolivette (Arizona) and sophomore kicker Jonathon Ruffin (Cincinnati). Jones had a 100-yard return for a touchdown against Nebraska and, with 1030 career KO return yards already, has moved into fourth place on all-time Irish KO return yards list.

JULIUS JONES TAPPED FUTURE STAR

Athlon Sports recently projected a National Football League "All-Decade" team for 2000-2009 and current Irish sophomore **Julius Jones** was one of two running backs named to the squad, joining current Indianapolis Colts star Edgerrin James. The 26-player team included just four other current college players: tackle Michael Munoz (Tennessee), linebacker D.J. Williams (University of Miami), linebacker Saleem Rasheed (Alabama) and punt returner David Allen (Kansas State).

THEY SHALL RETURN

- During the past 15 seasons ('86-'00), Notre Dame has produced 53 TDs via kickoff, punt and interception returns -- including **Shane Walton's** 60-yard interception return vs. Purdue, **Julius Jones'** 100-yard kickoff return and **Joey Getherall's** 83-yard punt return vs. Nebraska and 73-yard punt return vs. West Virginia in '00. Other recent returns for the Irish are Jones' 67-yard punt return vs. Boston College ('99), A'Jani Sanders' pair of INTs vs. ASU ('98 and '99), Bobbie Howard's INT vs. LSU ('98) and Deveron Harper's INT in the '99 opener vs. Kansas. (Those numbers don't include several fumble returns for TDs, with **Tony Driver's** pair against Navy the most recent and others coming from **Anthony Denman** vs. Kansas in '99, Deke Cooper at Michigan State in '98, Malcolm Johnson vs. Army in '98 and Lamont Bryant vs. LSU in '98).

- The 2000 Irish join the 1993 team as the only squads to return at least one punt, kickoff, interception and fumble for touchdowns and have six returns for touchdowns, the most since the '96 Irish had seven TD returns.

- Irish opponents in the past 15 seasons have combined for just 11 total returns for touchdowns (on kicks, punts or interceptions).

- The 53 returns have come from 30 players, including nine by Allen Rossum (an NCAA record), six by Raghieb Ismail, five by Tim Brown, three by Ricky Watters and two by **Joey Getherall** -- with current sophomore **Julius Jones** already having returned two kicks in his brief Irish career.

- **Getherall** joins Joe Heap (1951-54) and Ricky Watters (1987-90) as the only Irish players to return two punts of at least 73 yards each for touchdowns in a career and the only Irish player to accomplish that in one season. His 73-yard punt return vs. West Virginia stands tied for the 16th longest in Notre Dame history.

- The returns also do not include a blocked punt returned for TD in '96 and two by Irish opponents in '97 and '99. Notre Dame recovered a fumble in its opponent's end zone twice in '92. The Irish returned PATs for two points in '89 (Andre Jones vs. SMU) and '95 (Allen Rossum vs. Texas). Rice was the first team to return a PAT following the NCAA's implementation of the rule in a game against the Irish in '88.

- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM	Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0	1994	0	0	1	1
1987	3	0	1	0	1995	1	0	2	1
1988	2	2	3	0	1996	4	1	0	2
1989	2	2	3	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1990	0	2	0	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1991	1	1	2	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1992	0	1	0	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1993	2	1	2	1	ND Total	18	15	20	11
					Opp. Total	1	2	6	2

JONES, GETHERALL, GIVENS GO LONG DISTANCE AGAINST HUSKERS

- **Julius Jones**, **Joey Getherall** and **David Givens** combined for 317 return yards (4 punts for 113 yards, 4 kickoffs for 204) against Nebraska -- including an 83-yard punt return by Getherall and a 100-



yard kickoff return by Jones for touchdowns. The 317 return yards were the second most kickoff and punt return yards for the Irish since the start of the 1980 season. Notre Dame had 336 return yards (231 punt, 71 kickoff and 34 interception) against Pittsburgh in '96.

- Notre Dame's 204 kickoff return yards established a modern Irish record for single-game kickoff returns, eclipsing the 192 by Notre Dame (all by Raghib Ismail) against Michigan in 1989. The Irish had 354 kickoff return yards against Kalamazoo in 1922.
- Jones' 175 return yards were the most for a Notre Dame player since Clint Johnson returned two kickoffs vs. Stanford for 179 yards and one touchdown. Jones' 100-yard TD return marked the first kickoff touchdown return of his career, the longest since Johnson went 100 yards vs. Stanford and the first for the Irish since Jarious Jackson returned an onside kick for a TD against Pitt in '97.
- Getherall's 83-yard punt return tied Allen Rossum's 83-yard punt return against Pittsburgh in 1996 for the eighth-longest in Irish history. The last Irish player to return a punt longer was Ricky Watters who set the record with a 97-yarder vs. SMU in 1989.
- Givens started the Nebraska game with a 41-yard kickoff return, the longest of his career.

JONES ALREADY AMONG RETURN LEADERS

In his brief Irish career, sophomore Julius Jones -- already with punt ('99 BC) and kickoff ('00 Nebraska) returns for touchdowns -- has produced some of Notre Dame's top return games in the past decade, dating back to Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown's first season in '84 season:

Name	Game	PUNTS	KICKOFFS	TOTAL RETURNS
		No.-Yds.-TD	No.-Yds.-TD	No.-Yds.-TD
1. Tim Brown	'87 Michigan State	6-150-2	2-57-0	8-207-2
2. Raghib Ismail	'89 Michigan	0-0-0	3-192-2	3-192-2
3. Clint Johnson	'93 Stanford	0-0-0	2-179-1	2-179-1
4. Raghib Ismail	'88 Rice	1-9-0	2-170-2	3-179-2
5. Julius Jones	'00 Nebraska	3-30-0	2-145-1	5-175-1
6. Julius Jones	'99 BC	2-71-1	4-97-0	6-168-1
7. Julius Jones	'99 Pittsburgh	1-1-0	7-163-0	8-164-0
8. Julius Jones	'99 Stanford	1-15-0	6-148-0	7-163-0
9. Tony Driver	'98 BC	0-0-0	6-158-0	6-158-0
10. Tim Brown	'87 BC	3-21-0	5-132-0	8-153-0

GIVENS HIS ALL

Irish junior FL **David Givens** put his versatility on full display against West Virginia with a 52-yard halfback pass to **Joey Getherall** and a five-yard TD run -- both firsts for Givens this season. His pass to Getherall was followed two plays later by an Irish TD for a 35-14 lead. He also provided a key block on **Terrance Howard's** 80-yard TD run vs. the Mountaineers. Against Stanford, Givens caught a pair of TD passes and blocked a punt with less than a minute remaining in the first half to set up his second TD -- giving the Irish a 14-0 lead just before halftime of the 20-14 win. He recorded season-highs for an Irish receiver against Purdue with six catches for 86 yards. Against Air Force, Givens took a handoff from Getherall on a double reserve and scored a 37-yard TD. Givens has 21 carries for 105 yards and has caught a team-high 21 passes this season for 250 yards.

TWO-SPORT STANDOUTS

Junior cornerback **Shane Walton** -- less than two years removed from earning all-BIG EAST honors as a freshman forward on the '98 Irish men's soccer team -- entered the 2000 season as Notre Dame's starter at right cornerback and has 29 tackles, one tackle for a loss, two interceptions -- including a 60-yard INT return for a touchdown against Purdue's Drew Brees -- and three passes deflected this season. Walton joined the Irish football squad in the spring of '99 and saw action in three games in the secondary during the '99 season. He played in nine games overall with 61 appearances on special teams, earning his second ND monogram in as many years and in as many sports.

While Walton underwent a less traditional soccer-to-football transition, fifth-year **Matt McNew** made the more natural switch from soccer player to placekicker. After exhausting his four years of eligibility with the Irish men's soccer team, McNew tried out in the '00 spring season and was invited to join the team in the fall. In his first collegiate football game, **McNew** boomed five kickoffs for the Irish against the Aggies, including three kickoffs touchbacks. His 46 kickoffs in '00 have resulted in average opponent starting position at the Irish 25-yard line.

Junior walk-on **Chad DeBolt** - who has made nearly 50 special teams appearances in '00 and was

NOTRE DAME BESTS - 1990s

Rushing Yards	458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	338 vs. Pitt, '99
Total Yards	650 in two games
First Downs	34 vs. MSU, '91
Low Rush. Yards Allowed	-6 vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yards Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest First Downs Allowed	5 in two games
Points (Game)	62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half)	42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
Points (Qtr)	40 (2nd) vs. Pitt., '96
Victory Margin	62 (62-0) vs. Rut., '96

ND BESTS - DAVIE ERA (1997-)

Rushing Yards	380 vs. Boston College, '00
Passing Yards	338 vs. Pitt, '99
Total Yards	566 vs. Oklahoma, '99
First Downs	29 vs. BC, '97
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	33 vs. Baylor, '98
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	172 vs. Baylor, '98
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98, Navy, '00
Sacks	6 vs. Michigan State, '00
Turnovers Forced	6 vs. ASU, '99
Points (Game)	52 vs. BC, '97
Points (Half)	31 vs. Pitt. (2nd half), '97
Points (Quarter)	27 vs. ASU, '99
Victory Margin	35 (48-13), vs. KU, '99

TURNING THE TABLES

- The '00 Irish are +7 in turnover margin, thanks to only four interceptions and three fumbles lost. Notre Dame is on pace to break the school record for fewest fumbles lost.
- The Irish defense forced four turnovers in the '99 Kansas game, extending one of the '98 team's high points (the Irish also were guilty of four turnovers vs. KU). In '98, Notre Dame tied for 21st in the nation with a +0.64 regular-season turnover ratio. Just 11 Div. I-A squads had fewer TOs than the 18 by the Irish in '98 (the Irish also had just 13 in '97). The Irish turned it over 30 times in '99 while forcing 26 (-4).
- The ND offense posted low turnover averages in '97 (1.18/gm, 13 total) and '98 (1.63, 18) but averaged 2.5 turnovers during the '99 season (30 total, none in back-to-back games vs. OU and ASU--the first time that has happened for the Irish since 1993).



TICKET DETAILS

- All seven '99 Notre Dame home football games were sold out. That's no surprise, considering 149 straight games at Notre Dame Stadium—and 197 of the last 198 back to '64—have been sellouts.
- The 1997-2000 seasons have produced the 10 highest number of ticket requests in Notre Dame history, thanks to the availability of nearly twice as many tickets through the alumni lottery (33,779 in '98; 16,000 prior to '97). The 1999 home game with USC attracted 46,658 requests from alumni, now ranking fifth all-time (see chart at left), while the demand for the 2000 Nebraska game (46,865) ranks second and demand for the 2000 Boston College game ranks seventh (46,312). Contributing alumni are graduates who have contributed at least \$100 to the University within the last calendar year.
- Ticket requests for '97—the first year of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium—increased by 90,000 for six games, compared to the highest previous figure. Thousands more contributing alumni received tickets in '97, '98 and '99 compared to any previous year. Additional tickets were made available to parents of current students, and an alumni family game was designated, providing alumni the chance to order more than the customary two tickets. All University staff also now have the opportunity to obtain tickets.
- The increase of nearly 21,000 seats provided 16,000 more to the lottery, 3,000 to faculty and staff and 2,000 to University allotments, including trustees, advisory councils, alumni board, alumni clubs, and major benefactors.

one of just four walkons on the West Virginia trip -- also stars for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team. The Waterloo, N.Y., native played in all 14 games last year as a defensive midfielder and won over 60 percent of the faceoffs he attempted for the men's lacrosse team - which turned in one of its best seasons ever in '00 by reaching the NCAA quarterfinals for the second time in its history.

THE 2000 NCAA STATS

NCAA stat rankings for Notre Dame and Rutgers (top 50 for team ranks):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Rutgers
Rushing Offense	20th at 200.9	90.0
Passing Offense	125.1	35th at 238.1
Total Offense	326.0	328.1
Scoring Offense	44th at 29.0	21.7
Passing Efficiency	34th at 129.4	106.8
Rushing Defense, yards	152.4	201.1
Passing Defense, yards	44th at 204.7	45th at 205.2
Total Defense	50th at 357.1	406.3
Scoring Defense	40th at 20.9	33.9
Net Punting	8th at 39.1	30.0
Punt Returns	5th at 16.7	39th at 10.9
Kickoff Returns	1st at 26.9	19.4
Turnover Margin	23rd at .78 (+7 overall)	-.22 (-2 overall)
Fumbles Lost	T3rd with 3	10
Fumbles Recovered	6	T2nd with 18
Passes Had Intercepted	T3th with 4	17
Turnovers Lost	1st with 7	27
Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Rutgers
Total Offense		Mike McMahon
		26th at 240.5
All-Purpose Yards	Julius Jones	
	43rd at 121.78	
Kickoff Returns	Julius Jones	Dennis Thomas
	4th at 28.5	28th at 23.6
Punt Returns	Joey Getherall	Sean Carty
	4th at 18.0	50th at 9.62
Punting	Joey Hildbold	
	30th at 41.8	
Interceptions		Shahib White
		15th at .5/game

FOUR RANKED OPPONENTS IN A ROW

- After games against 23rd-ranked Texas A&M, top-ranked Nebraska and 13th-ranked Purdue to open the season, the Irish played their fourth consecutive ranked opponent at 23rd-ranked Michigan State, marking the first time since the inception of the Associated Press poll in 1936 that Notre Dame has opened a season with four ranked opponents. The Irish played four consecutive games against ranked opponents during the regular season for the first time since 1957 and for only the third time ever (1943 was the first time).
- Here's here how the 1943 Irish fared against their four consecutive ranked opponents:
 Oct. 30 #1 ND def. #3 Navy 33-6 Nov. 13 #1 ND def. #8 Northwestern 25-6
 Nov. 6 #1 ND def. #3 Army 26-0 Nov. 20 #1 ND def. #2 Iowa Pre-Flight 14-13
- Here's here how the 1957 Irish fared against their four consecutive ranked opponents:
 Nov. 2 #16 Navy def. #5 ND 20-6
 Nov. 9 #4 Michigan State def. #15 ND 34-6
 Nov. 16 ND def. #2 Oklahoma 7-0 (ending the OU's NCAA record 57-game winning streak)
 Nov. 23 #8 Iowa def. #9 ND 21-13

THREE FORMER IRISH PLAYERS NAMED TO ABC SPORTS ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Three former Notre Dame football greats have been selected to the ABC Sports College Football All-Time All-America Team, as featured in a recently-published book by Hyperion. Receiver **Tim Brown**



FUTURE IRISH FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

	2001
Sept. 8	at Nebraska
Sept. 15	at Purdue
Sept. 22	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 29	at Texas A&M
Oct. 6	PITTSBURGH
Oct. 13	WEST VIRGINIA
Oct. 20	USC
Oct. 27	at Boston College
Nov. 3	TENNESSEE
Nov. 17	NAVY
Nov. 24	at Stanford

	2002
Sept. 7	PURDUE
Sept. 14	MICHIGAN
Sept. 21	at Michigan State
Oct. 5	STANFORD
Oct. 12	PITTSBURGH
Oct. 19	at Air Force
Oct. 26	at Florida State
Nov. 2	BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 9	vs. Navy (site TBA)
Nov. 23	RUTGERS
Nov. 30	at USC

	2003
Sept. 13	at Michigan
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 27	at Purdue
Oct. 4	WAKE FOREST
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh
Oct. 18	USC
Oct. 25	at Boston College
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8	NAVY
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 22	at Syracuse
Nov. 29	at Stanford

was named to the second team, as was defensive lineman **Alan Page**, while tight end **Dave Casper** was chosen to the third team.

- **Brown**, from Dallas, Texas, won the 1987 Heisman Trophy and finished his Notre Dame career as the all-time Irish leader in reception yardage (2,493). He keynoted his Heisman bid in '87 by returning two punts for 66 and 71 yards for TDs against Michigan State. Brown continues to star as a receiver for the NFL Oakland Raiders.

- **Page**, from Canton, Ohio, earned consensus All-America honors as a senior in 1966 while helping the Irish to the national championship. A three-year starter at defensive end, he made 63 tackles as a senior in '66 and finished with 134 career tackles. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in '93 — and was an NCAA Silver Anniversary award winner in '92. A former NFL MVP during his career with the Minnesota Vikings, Page now serves as a Minnesota Supreme Court judge.

- **Casper**, from Chilton, Wis., was a consensus All-America selection as a senior in 1973 on Notre Dame's national championship team. A three-year starter from 1971-73, he opened at offensive tackle for two seasons, then switched to tight end as a senior. His career totals included 21 catches for 335 yards and four TDs. He served as co-captain of Notre Dame's '73 national title squad. After 11 years in the NFL, Casper was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1993 and was an NCAA Silver Anniversary award winner in 1999.

COACHING IN THE CLUTCH

Knut Rockne owns the best career winning percentage among Notre Dame coaches in games decided by seven or fewer points, at 21-1-5 (.870). Among Irish coaches with 14-plus "close games," the other top winning percentages in tight games belong to Elmer Layden (22-7-3, .734), Frank Leahy (17-5-8, .700), Ara Parseghian (13-6-4, .652), Dan Devine (15-9-1, .620), **Bob Davie** (14-9, .609) and Lou Holtz (20-18-2, .525).

SETTA SAILS WINNING KICK

Irish sophomore PK **Nick Setta** -- in just the third career game played -- nailed the fifth game-winning field goal at 0:00 in Notre Dame history against Purdue and the first since Jim Sanson in 1996. Setta finished the Purdue game 3-4 in field goals attempts, connecting from 47, 32 and 38 and missing from 39 yards. The other Irish game-winning field goals as time expired were:

- Sept. 21, 1996 Jim Sanson 39-yard FG, #9 Notre Dame def. #6 Texas, 27-24
- Nov. 29, 1986 John Carney 19-yard FG, Notre Dame def. #17 USC 38-37
- Sept. 20, 1980 Harry Oliver 51-yard FG, #8 Notre Dame def. #14 Michigan 29-27
- Nov. 18, 1961 Joe Perkowski 41-yard FG, Notre Dame def. #10 Syracuse 17-15

HOWARD'S RUN 15TH LONGEST IN IRISH HISTORY

- Junior TB **Terrance Howard** had an 80-yard touchdown run against West Virginia in the second-quarter to tie the game at 14-14, the first of five consecutive Irish TDs against the Mountaineers.
- His 80-yard run stands as the 15th longest in Notre Dame history and the second longest for the Irish in the last 27 years (Robert Farmer had an 81-yard TD run against Boston College in 1996).
- The run also set a Mountaineer Field record for the longest by a West Virginia opponent, eclipsing a 74-yard run by Maryland's Mike Beasley in 1988.
- He finished with 96 yards rushing against WVU, the second consecutive week he has rushed for career-high yards after 68 against Navy.

NUMBER CHANGES

The Irish have made five number changes from the original media guide roster: senior FS **Justin Smith** will wear No. 4 (instead of 39), junior HLD **Adam Tibble** is wearing No. 80 (instead of 73), freshman TE **Billy Palmer** is wearing No. 85 (instead of 96), junior walk-on center **John Crowther** is wearing 56 (not 64) and junior walk-on TE/DE **Jeffrey Campbell** is wearing 64 (not 85).

THEISMANN TO SERVE AS GUEST SPEAKER AT 81ST ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET

Former Notre Dame All-America quarterback and current ESPN analyst **Joe Theismann** will serve as guest speaker for the 81st annual University of Notre Dame Football Banquet. The banquet, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, will be held Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, in the north dome of the Joyce Center on the Notre Dame campus. A reception on the concourse begins at 5:45 p.m. EST and the dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. The program will include video highlights of the 2000 season and a special tribute to senior members of the 2000 Irish squad. Ticket information will be announced



MONTANA ENTERS NFL HALL OF FAME

- Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana—who went on to star for 14 seasons in the National Football League with the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs—became the seventh Notre Dame player to be inducted into the National Professional Football Hall of Fame, as a first-ballot selection for the class of 2000.
- Curly Lambeau, who lettered for the Irish in 1918, was a charter member of the Hall in 1963 as a founder, player and coach for the Green Bay Packers from 1919-1949 ... the other five former Notre Dame players in the pro Football Hall of Fame include: 1964 inductee George Trafton (C, Chicago Bears 1920-22), 1968 inductee Wayne Millner (E, Boston and Washington Redskins, 1936-41, 1945), 1975 inductee George Connor (T/LB, Chicago, 1948-55), 1986 inductee Paul Hornung (QB, Green Bay 1957-62, 1964-66) and 1988 inductee Alan Page (DT, Minnesota 1967-78, Chicago 1978-81).
- The 2000 induction ceremonies were held at the Hall in Canton, Ohio, on July 28-31 and include a reunion of some 110 of the 136 living members of the Pro Football Hall of Famers in major sports history (Connor and Hornung were expected to be on hand for the reunion) ... Montana selected former San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo to be his presenter at the induction ceremony.

within the next few weeks. In addition to the dinner, all senior members of the 2000 Irish team will be available for autographs on the concourse during the reception. There also will be a silent auction of Notre Dame football photographs and memorabilia during the reception.

2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE AMONG TOUGHEST

Notre Dame's schedule currently ranks 10th toughest in the country according to the Nov. 6 Bowl Championship Series schedule rank -- a figure that is based on the won/loss record of a team's past opponents and the won/loss record of a team's opponents' opponents. The schedule also ranked fourth toughest among the top 15 teams in the BCS poll.

IRISH OPPONENT UPDATE

Below is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times in the last 22 years (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995).

Opponent	'00 Record	Nov. 11	Nov. 18
Texas A&M	7-3	lost to Oklahoma 35-31	Idle
Nebraska	8-2	lost to Kansas State 29-28	Idle
Purdue	7-3	lost to Michigan State 30-10	Indiana
Michigan State	5-5	def. Purdue 30-10	at Penn State
Stanford	4-6	def. Arizona State 29-7	at California
Navy	0-9	lost to Tulane 50-38	Wake Forest
West Virginia	5-4	def. Rutgers 31-24 (2OT)	East Carolina
Air Force	7-3	def. Colorado State 44-40	San Diego State
Boston College	6-4	lost to Notre Dame 28-16	Idle
Rutgers	3-6	lost to West Virginia 31-24 (2OT)	Notre Dame
USC	4-6	lost to Washington State 33-27	at UCLA

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in '00 (not including games vs. ND): 54-44 (.551)

IRISH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM HONORED AS ONE OF NATION'S BEST

The Notre Dame CHAMPS/Life Skills Program has been identified as one of the best in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association. Notre Dame received one of four program of excellence awards at the Association's Sept. 25 awards dinner in Dallas. Honored along with Notre Dame were Arizona State University, the University of Iowa and Michigan State University. Notre Dame's Life Skills Program currently is under the direction of Bernard Muir, associate athletic director for student-athlete welfare.

- In existence since August 1996, Notre Dame's Life Skills Program is committed to the total development of the University's student-athletes. It fosters the cultivation of skills that allow for their maximization on and off the playing field. The program develops and implements events and activities which are designed to facilitate learning in five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development. By the time a Notre Dame student-athlete graduates, he or she will have participated in approximately 40 hours of required skill building and development workshops in each key area. All freshmen and their parents participate in orientation sessions designed to assist in the transition into the University and to inform them about the Life Skills Program as well as other support services.

BIG CROWDS EVERYWHERE

The Irish have played in front of capacity crowds in 127 of the last 147 games, including the first five games in 2000. Each of the first 10 regular-season games involving Notre Dame during the '98 season -- and the first 11 in '99 -- was played in front of a sellout crowd.

FRESHMAN WALK-ONS

Notre Dame's freshman class includes 17 scholarship players and two walk-ons: quarterback **Matt Krueger** (who will be sharing No. 8 with wide receiver Lorenzo Crawford) and tight end **Brendan Hart** (who is sharing No. 83 with walk-on kicker Josh Gentile). Hart is the grandson of former Notre Dame end and 1949 Heisman Trophy winner Leon Hart and the son of former Irish tight end Kevin Hart. Krueger prepped at South Bend's Marian High School as did his brother Ryan, a junior walk-on QB.

2000 Notre Dame All-Star Candidates

#39 Anthony Denman

Inside Linebacker, 6-2, 235, Senior, Rusk, Texas (Rusk)

- * Has been ringleader of re-energized Irish defense in 2000
- * Notre Dame's leading tackler in 2000 with 76 overall and with 47 solo
- * Also leads Irish in 2000 in sacks (five) and tackles for loss (13 for 50)
- * Matched his career high with 13 tackles vs. top-ranked Nebraska (including a sack and two tackles for loss) in a game Irish coach Bob Davie called "the best game I've seen played by a linebacker since I've been at Notre Dame."
- * Has led Irish in tackles in each of last five games, vs. Stanford (seven), Navy (five), West Virginia (eight), Air Force (11) and Boston College (nine) — with Air Force effort also including five tackles for loss, a sack and two fumbles caused
- * Two-year starter who is one of four Notre Dame captains for 2000
- * Named to Butkus Award watch list for 2000

2000 Totals:

Started all 9 games
47 solo tackles
29 assisted tackles
76 total tackles
5 sacks for 30 yards in losses
13 tackles for 50 yards in losses
2 fumbles caused

#25 Tony Driver

Free Safety, 6-2, 220, Senior, Louisville, Kentucky (Male)

- * Notre Dame's 2000 free safety starter was named by *The Sporting News* to its midseason All-America squad as first team free safety
- * Has changed positions every year he has been at Notre Dame, playing tailback as freshman in '97, safety as sophomore in '98, tailback as junior in '99
- * Tied an NCAA record with two fumble returns for touchdowns vs. Navy, returning them 24 and 22 yards (only other player to ever do this was Minnesota's Tyrone Carter in '96)
- * Ranked as first Notre Dame defensive player to score twice in a game since Dave Waymer in 1979 returned two interceptions for TDs vs. Miami
- * Named CBS Sports Notre Dame MVP vs. Navy
- * Started season with 10 tackles vs. Texas A&M (to go with an interception), 10 vs. top-ranked Nebraska and team-leading 11 vs. Michigan State
- * Named to Jim Thorpe Award watch list for 2000
- * Second-team preseason All-America as safety by *The Sporting News*

2000 Totals:

Started all 9 games
33 solo tackles
23 assisted tackles
56 total tackles
1 interception for 19 yards
4 passes broken up
2 fumble recoveries for 46 yards, 2 TDs
6 kickoff returns for 177 yards (29.5 average)

#69 Mike Gandy

Offensive Guard, 6-4, 315, Senior, Garland, Texas (Garland)

- * Veteran of Irish offensive line in 2000
- * Played every offensive snap in seven of first nine games

- * Named to preseason All-Independent teams by *Football News* and *The Sporting News*
- * Leads all offensive linemen in career playing time, thanks to 22 career starts
- * Rated by *The Sporting News* as third-best offensive guard among pro prospects in Nov. 6 issue

2000 Totals:

Started all 9 games

#18 Joey Getherall

Flanker/Punt Returns, 5-7, 175, Senior, Hacienda Heights, California (Bishop Amat)

- * Has staked himself as one of most exciting players in college game in 2000, based on his multiple talents as pass receiver, rusher and punt returner
- * Currently ranks fourth individually in NCAA punt return stats at 18.0 each, as one of only six players in 2000 to return two or more punts for TDs
- * Returned one punt 83 yards for a TD vs. Nebraska, ranking as longest Irish punt return for a TD in 11 years and first punt return for score vs. Nebraska in 12 years
- * Returned a punt 73 yards for TD vs. West Virginia to give Irish 42-14 lead
- * Leads team in receiving yards (252) in 2000 and receiving TDs (three)
- * Scored three TDs vs. Air Force, on 28-yard and 68-yard pass receptions and then on nine-yard reverse that won game 34-31 for Irish in overtime for Notre Dame's first-ever overtime victory
- * Caught four passes for 116 yards vs. Air Force and was named NBC Sports Notre Dame MVP
- * Only player in Notre Dame history with two punt returns of 73 yards or more for TDs in a season
- * Has chance to break Notre Dame single-season record for punt return yards (he has 377; record is 459 by Nick Rassas in 1965)
- * Needs one more punt return for TD this season to tie Irish single-season mark by Allen Rossum (1996), Tim Brown (1987) and Nick Rassas (1965)

2000 Totals:

14 receptions for 252 yards (18.0 average), 3 TDs
 6 rushes for 36 yards, 1 TD
 21 punt returns for 377 yards (18.0 average), 2 TDs
 4 kickoff returns for 103 yards

#98 Anthony Weaver

Defensive End, 6-3, 276, Saratoga Springs, New York (Saratoga Springs)

- * Has developed into most dominant Irish defensive lineman since Renaldo Wynn in '96 (Wynn was team MVP and #1 NFL draft pick)
- * Has recorded four sacks, nine tackles for loss, two interceptions, a fumble recovery and four passes broken up
- * Made career-high nine tackles vs. Michigan State and also intercepted a pass that set up go-ahead score for Irish
- * Had six tackles vs. Texas A&M, seven vs. top-rated Nebraska
- * Had two sacks vs. Michigan State, then six tackles, two for loss, one sack and a fumble recovery vs. Stanford
- * Intercepted a pass on first series vs. Boston College to set up fastest Notre Dame offensive score since final regular-season game in '97
- * Leads all defensive players in career starts and leads all non-seniors in playing time

2000 Totals:

Started all 9 games
 23 solo tackles
 21 assisted tackles
 44 total tackles
 9 tackles for 31 yards in losses
 4 sacks for 22 yards in losses
 2 interceptions for 4 yards
 1 fumble recovered
 4 passes broken up

Notre Dame Game-By-Game Starters

OPPONENT	SE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	FL	QB	FB	TB
Texas A&M	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Givens	Battle	Lopienski	Fisher
Nebraska	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Getherall	Battle	Lopienski	Jones
Purdue	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	O'Leary (TE)	Godsey	Lopienski	Howard
Michigan State	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Givens	Godsey	O'Leary (TE)	Jones
Stanford	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Givens	LoVecchio	O'Leary (TE)	Fisher
Navy	Getherall	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Givens	LoVecchio	O'Leary (TE)	Fisher
West Virginia	Getherall	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Givens	LoVecchio	O'Leary (TE)	Fisher
Air Force	Getherall	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	O'Leary (TE)	LoVecchio	Murray	Jones
Boston College	Hunter	Black	Jones	Faine	Gandy	Vollers	Holloway	Givens	LoVecchio	Lopienski	Jones

OPPONENT	LE	LT	NG	RE	OLB	ILB	ILB	LCB	FS	SS	RCB
Texas A&M	Weaver	Wisne	Legree	Irons	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
Nebraska	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Irons	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
Purdue	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Roberts	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
Michigan State	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Roberts	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
Stanford	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Roberts	Beckstrom	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
Navy	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Jefferson (CB)	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
West Virginia	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Roberts	Jefferson (CB)	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Israel	Walton
Air Force	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Roberts	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Earl	Walton
Boston College	Weaver	Scott	Legree	Roberts	Boiman	Harrison	Denman	Williams	Driver	Sapp	Walton

Game-By-Game Statistics

NOTRE DAME	RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFF. (Att-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)
vs. Texas A&M	49-194-1	16-10-0-133-2	65-327	21-13-6-2	1-0
vs. Nebraska	40-184-1	15-3-1-40-0	55-224	11-7-2-2	1-0
vs. Purdue	34-78-1	25-14-1-158-0	59-236	14-8-5-1	0-0
vs. Michigan State	37-149-2	16-5-1-63-1	53-212	8-5-2-1	0-0
vs. Stanford	50-166-1	18-10-0-100-2	68-266	16-11-5-0	1-0
vs. Navy	55-218-1	21-14-1-229-3	76-447	25-13-10-2	1-0
vs. West Virginia	43-227-3	17-9-0-146-2	60-373	12-6-6-0	0-0
vs. Air Force	47-212-2	25-10-0-171-3	72-383	19-13-6-0	1-1
vs. Boston College	61-380-4	12-9-0-86-0	73-466	21-19-2-0	2-2

OPPONENT	RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFF. (Att-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)
by Texas A&M	37-90-1	28-16-1-165-0	65-255	17-7-7-3	1-0
by Nebraska	59-274-4	15-7-1-103-0	74-377	20-14-5-1	1-0
by Purdue	43-177-1	24-13-1-221-2	67-398	20-10-10-0	1-1
by Michigan State	50-167-1	24-12-1-181-2	74-348	19-12-6-1	3-1
by Stanford	29-142-0	43-19-1-242-2	72-384	18-6-12-0	1-1
by Navy	32-58-0	20-11-0-188-2	55-246	12-7-5-0	3-2
by West Virginia	48-134-3	55-16-1-305-1	81-439	22-7-12-3	1-0
by Air Force	53-206-1	29-17-0-265-2	82-471	27-12-12-3	3-1
by Boston College	30-124-0	29-15-2-172-2	59-296	15-6-7-2	0-0

Game-By-Game Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Yds.-TD)	Battle	Fisher	Getherall	Givens	Godsey	Howard	Hunter	Jones	Lopienski	LoVecchio	Murray	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	12-50-0	10-30-0	0-0-0	4-16-0	DNP	7-29-0	0-0-0	14-60-1	2-9-0	DNP	DNP	49-194-1
vs. Nebraska	14-107-0	6-11-1	1-4-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-6-0	0-0-0	15-52-0	2-4-0	DNP	0-0-0	40-184-1
vs. Purdue	DNP	6-18-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-3-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	18-56-0	2-1-0	DNP	DNP	34-78-1
vs. Michigan State	DNP	1-(-1)-0	2-3-0	1-2-0	2-(-1)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	26-126-2	1-(-1)-0	4-21-0	0-0-0	37-149-2
vs. Stanford	DNP	9-47-0	1-7-0	5-23-0	DNP	3-21-0	1-23-0	13-29-1	DNP	13-36-0	1-1-0	50-166-1
vs. Navy	DNP	11-36-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	13-68-0	0-0-0	18-105-1	0-0-0	6-(-11)-0	2-8-0	55-218-1
vs. West Virginia	DNP	13-43-1	0-0-0	8-21-1	DNP	7-96-1	0-0-0	6-28-0	0-0-0	9-39-0	0-0-0	43-227-3
vs. Air Force	DNP	8-21-0	2-22-1	1-37-1	DNP	1-4-0	0-0-0	27-111-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	0-0-0	47-212-2
vs. Boston College	DNP	26-196-2	0-0-0	1-1-0	DNP	16-84-0	0-0-0	5-19-1	0-0-0	10-73-0	0-0-0	61-380-4

PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yards-TD)	Battle	Godsey	LoVecchio	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	16-10-0-133-2	DNP	DNP	16-10-0-133-2
vs. Nebraska	15-3-1-40-0	DNP	DNP	15-3-1-40-0
vs. Purdue	DNP	25-14-1-158-0	DNP	25-14-1-158-0
vs. Michigan State	DNP	15-4-1-20-1	1-1-0-43-0	16-5-1-63-1
vs. Stanford	DNP	DNP	18-10-0-100-2	18-10-0-100-2
vs. Navy	DNP	1-1-0-46-1	20-13-1-183-2	21-14-1-229-3
vs. West Virginia	DNP	DNP	16-8-0-94-2	17-9-0-146-2
vs. Air Force	DNP	DNP	25-10-0-171-3	25-10-0-171-3
vs. Boston College	DNP	DNP	12-9-0-86-0	12-9-0-86-0

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Fisher	Getherall	Givens	Holloway	Howard	Hunter	Johnson	Jones	Lopienski	O'Leary	Murray	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	0-0-0	1-9-1	1-21-0	2-15-0	0-0-0	2-50-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-34-0	1-5-0	DNP	10-133-2
vs. Nebraska	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	1-25-0	1-6-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-40-0
vs. Purdue	1-2-0	1-9-0	6-86-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	2-26-0	1-7-0	1-5-0	DNP	14-158-0
vs. Michigan State	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-57-0	0-0-0	1-(-8)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-6-1	5-63-1
vs. Stanford	0-0-0	1-(-2)-0	3-34-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-12-0	1-24-0	DNP	3-26-0	1-6-0	10-100-2
vs. Navy	3-36-1	4-41-0	4-63-0	1-32-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-46-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-11-1	0-0-0	14-229-3
vs. West Virginia	3-35-2	3-79-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-13-0	2-19-0	0-0-0	9-146-2
vs. Air Force	1-7-0	4-116-2	2-16-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-26-1	DNP	1-6-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	10-25-3
vs. Boston College	1-7-0	0-0-0	3-13-0	1-17-0	3-41-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	9-86-0

FIELD GOALS

(x-missed FG)	TAMU	NEB	PU	MSU	STAN	NAVY	WVU	AFA	BC	RU	USC
Nick Setta	32	29	47, x39, 32, 38	x44	x38	23	x42	--	x48		

TACKLES

	Beckstrom	Boiman	DeBolt	Denman	Driver	Dykes	Earl	Francis	Harrison
vs. Texas A&M	0	9	0	8	10	1	0	1	5
vs. Nebraska	0	9	0	13	10	0	0	1	5
vs. Purdue	2	6	0	8	6	3	0	0	12
vs. Michigan State	0	3	1	9	11	2	4	0	5
vs. Stanford	0	5	0	7	5	2	2	1	2
vs. Navy	1	3	0	5	2	3	3	0	4
vs. West Virginia	1	4	1	8	1	2	2	0	4
vs. Air Force	5	8	1	11	5	0	8	0	4
vs. Boston College	3	6	0	9	6	2	0	0	0

TACKLES

	Howard	Irons	Israel	Jefferson	Legree	Owens	Roberts	Ryan	Sarb
vs. Texas A&M	1	3	4	3	3	0	1	0	DNP
vs. Nebraska	0	1	2	1	7	0	4	0	0
vs. Purdue	1	DNP	4	2	6	1	2	1	0
vs. Michigan State	0	DNP	4	1	5	0	4	0	1
vs. Stanford	0	DNP	5	4	7	0	2	1	0
vs. Navy	1	DNP	1	3	0	0	1	0	2
vs. West Virginia	0	DNP	8	1	5	4	2	1	0
vs. Air Force	2	DNP	0	3	6	1	0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0	DNP	7	0	5	2	0	1	1

TACKLES

	Sapp	Scott	Walton	Watson	Weaver	Williams	Wisne	Yura
vs. Texas A&M	2	4	5	1	6	3	1	0
vs. Nebraska	5	3	7	0	7	5	2	1
vs. Purdue	4	1	2	0	9	2	1	0
vs. Michigan State	2	2	5	3	4	8	2	0
vs. Stanford	4	1	3	1	6	7	2	3
vs. Navy	3	2	1	2	3	1	0	0
vs. West Virginia	5	1	6	1	4	7	0	0
vs. Air Force	4	6	8	0	2	9	0	1
vs. Boston College	8	1	3	1	3	0	0	2

Notre Dame vs. Rutgers

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Notre Dame Offense

SE	21	JAVIN HUNTER	6-0	190	Jr.
	8	Lorenzo Crawford	5-10	186	Fr.
LT	78	JORDAN BLACK	6-6	308	Jr.
	63	Brennan Curtin	6-8	315	So.
LG	55	JIM JONES	6-2	312	Sr.
	79	Sean Mahan	6-3	290	Jr.
C	52	JEFF FAINE	6-3	290	So.
	66	JW Jordan	6-1	269	Sr.
RG	69	MIKE GANDY	6-4	305	Sr.
	72	Ryan Scarola	6-5	310	Jr.
RT	75	KURT VOLLERS	6-7	307	Sr.
	76	John Teasdale	6-5	305	Sr.
TE	87	JABARI HOLLOWAY	6-3	265	Sr.
or	86	DAN O'LEARY	6-3	255	Sr.
	14	Gary Godsey	6-7	239	So.
FL	18	JOEY GETHERALL	5-7	170	Sr.
or	6	DAVID GIVENS	6-3	214	Jr.
	80	Omar Jenkins	6-1	187	Fr.
QB	10	MATT LoVECCHIO	6-4	194	Fr.
	7	Carlyle Holiday	6-3	203	Fr.
	9	Jared Clark	6-4	223	Fr.
FB	40	JASON MURRAY	6-1	259	Sr.
or	36	TOM LOPIENSKI	6-1	236	Jr.
	47	Mike McNair	6-0	237	Jr.
TB	12	TONY FISHER	6-2	225	Jr.
	32	Terrance Howard	6-1	195	Jr.

Notre Dame Defense

LE	98	ANTHONY WEAVER	6-3	276	Jr.
	84	John Owens	6-3	260	Jr.
DT	93	B.J. SCOTT	6-3	285	Sr.
	94	Andy Wisne	6-3	279	Sr.
NG	90	LANCE LEGREE	6-1	290	Sr.
	50	Cedric Hilliard	6-2	294	So.
RE	95	RYAN ROBERTS	6-2	254	Jr.
	60	Darrell Campbell	6-4	285	So.
ILB	51	TYREO HARRISON	6-2	240	Jr.
	2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	6-3	260	Jr.
ILB	39	ANTHONY DENMAN	6-2	236	Sr.
	33	Courtney Watson	6-1	223	So.
OLB	30	ROCKY BOIMAN	6-4	239	Jr.
	43	Anthony Brannan	5-10	215	Sr.
LCB	1	BROCK WILLIAMS	5-10	188	Sr.
	27	Jason Beckstrom	5-10	190	So.
FS	25	TONY DRIVER	6-1	220	Sr.
	28	Donald Dykes	5-11	197	Jr.
SS	5	RON ISRAEL	6-0	208	Sr.
	19	Glenn Earl	6-2	213	So.
	20	Gerome Sapp	6-0	213	So.
RCB	42	SHANE WALTON	5-11	186	Jr.
	15	Clifford Jefferson	5-9	175	Jr.

Notre Dame Specialists

KO	92	MATT McNEW	6-5	209	Sr.
	13	Nick Setta	5-11	169	So.
PK	13	NICK SETTA	5-11	169	So.
	35	David Miller	5-11	196	Jr.
P	13	NICK SETTA	5-11	169	So.
	83	Josh Gentine	5-11	199	So.
HLD	80	ADAM TIBBLE	5-11	201	Jr.
SNP	86	DAN O'LEARY	6-3	255	Sr.
or	56	JOHN CROWTHER	6-2	240	Jr.
PR	18	JOEY GETHERALL	5-7	170	Sr.
KR	25	TONY DRIVER	6-1	220	Sr.
	6	DAVID GIVENS	6-3	214	Jr.